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SUBJECT: IBRD EGYPT CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING

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1. JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO TAKE POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING ATTITUDE AT CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING BUT IT HOPES ALSO FOR CLEAR INDICATIONS OF EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION IN CARRYING OUT REFORMS. JAPAN EXPECTS EXCHANGES OF VIEWS IN PARIS WILL HELP HER TO DETERMINE AFTERWARD APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF AID CONTRIBUTION. FONOFF OFFICIAL ASKED WHETHER LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTIONS LIKELY TO BE COORDINATED BY WORLD BANK OR WHETHER U.S. PLANS TAKE INITIATIVE THIS MATTER.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF OF FORTHCOMING MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP (CG) ON EGYPT, FONOFF OFFICIAL (NAKAMURA, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU) AGREED THAT SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF EGYPT TOGETHER WITH PLACING OF AID TO EGYPT ON SYSTEMATIC BASIS, ARE INDEED IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF UPCOMING MEETING. HE ADDED THAT JAPANESE HOPE PARTICULARLY FOR CONFIRMATION THAT EGYPT HAS THE DETERMINATION NECESSARY TO REORGANIZE ITS ECONOMY SO AS TO PREVNRE A BASIS FOR EFFECTIVE USE OF

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AID IN PROMOTING ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC STABILITY.

3. JAPANESE SEE CG MEETING DEFINITELY NOT AS PLEDGING SESSION BUT RATHER AS OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH OTHER DONORS AND TO ARRIVE AT SOME SENSE OF HOW JAPAN'S CONTRIBUTION, THE SIZE OF WHICH WILL BE DETERMINED SOME TIME AFTER THE MEETING, MIGHT ASSORT WITH THOSE OF OTHER NATIONS.

4. NAKAMURA SAID THAT JAPAN PLANS NO ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA BUT THAT THE DEBT BURDEN CREATED BY PAST MILITARY AID TO EGYPT IS A FACTOR WHICH THE IBRD ANALYSIS OF EGYPT'S FINANCIAL POSITION SEEMS TO OVERLOOK. HE MENTIONED IN PARTICULAR FUTURE COTTON CROPS WHICH HAVE BEEN MORTGAGED TO THE SOVIET UNION BUT WHICH HAVE NOT, HE SAID, BEEN RECORDED IN IBRD ACCOUNTS. HE MAINTAINED THAT DEBTS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE MUST BE CONSIDERED AS BACKGROUND FOR AN ANALYSIS OF EGYPT'S ECONOMIC PROGRAMS.

5. ALSO WITH RESPECT TO THE AGENDA, HE INDICATED THAT THE JAPANESE WOULD NOT HAVE OBJECTED TO THE REMOVAL OF THE PRIVATE INVESTMENT ITEM HAD THIS BEEN PROPOSED. THE JAPANESE DELEGATION, HE SAID, WILL LISTEN TO WHAT THE OTHERS HAVE TO SAY DURING THE "SEVERAL HOURS" ALLOTTED THE SUBJECT.

6. NAKAMURA RECALLED THAT AID TO EGYPT HAD BEEN SUBJECT OF VIGOROUS U.S. INITIATIVES DURING PRECEDING ADMINISTRATION. HE INQUIRED WHETHER QUESTION OF AID AMOUNTS WOULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH WORLD BANK OR WHETHER PRESENT U.S. ADMINISTRATION WAS PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INDEPENDENTLY. HE SAID THAT ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM BONN WEST GERMAN MINISTRY OF FINANCE BEFORE OPENING ITS OWN PURSE STRINGS IS INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW MUCH AID FOR EGYPT WOULD BE EXPECTED OF JAPAN AND SAUDI ARABIA.

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